



# News Release

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## **State disciplines health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

## **Benton County**

In May 2010 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy assistant and pharmacy technician **Jennifer Ruth Morris** (VB00072781 VA60065585) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly aided and abetted the unlawful possession and distribution of hydrocodone by a fellow pharmacy technician, and obtained hydrocodone for her own use.

In June 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Greggory A. Warehime** (HC60100156) and imposed conditions lasting at least two years. He was convicted of minor in possession/consumption of alcohol on more than one occasion, and theft. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

## **Clallam County**

In June 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Darcel L. Shearer** (NA00201566) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of driving under the influence, and assault.

## **Clark County**

In June 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Cynthia J. Anderson** (NA00191402) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

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In May 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the applications of certified nursing assistant **Amanda Michele Armstrong** (NA60134268 NC60134403). She was found guilty of wrongful use of marijuana on divers occasions, and wrongful use of methylenedioxymethamphetamine (ecstasy) on divers occasions.

### **Grant County**

In June 2010 the Medical Commission placed the license of physician **Thomas J. Laney** (MD00024468) on probation for four years. The care he provided fell below the standard while performing liposuction and breast reduction surgery on a minor putting the minor at unreasonable risk for harm. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his Washington license.

### **Island County**

In May 2010 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Donna Jeanne Shaffer** (D160140883) and placed her registration on probation for five years. She was convicted of driving under the influence on three different occasions, and no ignition lock. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

### **King County**

In June 2010 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Norma Jean Denbrook** (LP00038659) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In June 2010 the Massage Therapy Program granted the application of **Dottie L. Dunthorn** (MA60118981) and placed conditions against her license. Her license to practice as a licensed practical nurse was suspended in 2000. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her massage practitioner license.

In June 2010 the Secretary of Health placed the license of physician **Terrill L. Harrington** (MD00038084) on probation for 18 months. He began a sexual relationship with a patient prior to accepting them as a patient. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his Washington license.

In June 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Laura Lena Miller** (HC60151774) and placed her license on probation until December 2011. A previous health care assistant credential was also placed on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her new credential.

In June 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged reactivation candidate **Shawn E. Nyman** (NA00087452) with unprofessional conduct. His license to practice as a registered nurse was indefinitely suspended, and he voluntarily surrendered his credential to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Arizona.

In June 2010 the Naturopathic Program placed the license of **Kristi D. Tompkins** (NT00001626) on probation for five years. She left a patient's home without waiting for another caregiver, or notifying the patient she was leaving. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In May 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Robel E. Zegeye** (NC10077139) and placed conditions against her certification. She was convicted of rendering criminal assistance, driving while license suspended or revoked, driving under the influence, and hit and run. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

### **Kitsap County**

In June 2010 the Medical Commission charged physician **Kimberly M. Chan** (MD00046109) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly missed a hernia in a patient's abdomen while performing surgery to remove the hernia, and failed to respond to department inquiries.

In June 2010 the Registered Counselor and Chemical Dependency Professional Programs terminated the order of probation against the registration and license of **Robin L. Nielsen** (RC00058001 CP60027730).

### **Pierce County**

In May 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Andrew L. Farmer** (CO60150212) and placed his certification on probation for four years. Terms and conditions were placed against his registered counselor credential in 2007. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his new credential.

In June 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against **Louise Phaedra Palazzo** (NA60066299).

In June 2010 the Counselor Program granted the application of agency affiliated counselor **Jerry Lee Watson, Jr.** (CG60150513) and placed his registration on probation for two years. He was convicted of violation of a protection order, assault — domestic violence assault, and malicious mischief — domestic violence. He also entered into a diversion agreement for driving under the influence, and driving while license suspended or revoked. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In May 2010 the Veterinary Board of Governors entered into an agreed order with **Roy P. Wright** (VT00000971). He failed to keep adequate records on a patient, and practiced below the standard of care while treating the patient. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

### **Skagit County**

In May 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Tonya Leeann Pearson** (CO60150076) and placed her certification on probation until August 2011. Terms and conditions were set against her registered counselor credential in 2009. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her new credential.

In June 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program charged **Rebecca M. Sundsmo** (HC00151860) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly used her delegator's Drug Enforcement Agency number to obtain prescription medication that her delegator didn't prescribe for her.

### **Spokane County**

In May 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Damien J. Miller** (CO60146084) and placed his certification on probation until September 2011. Terms and conditions were set against his registered counselor credential in 2009. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his new credential.

In June 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program released chemical dependency professional trainee **Eileen Anne Smith** (CO60137285) from terms and conditions set against her certification.

### **Thurston County**

In May 2010 the Radiologic Technologist Program charged **Tina L. Nystrom** (RT00007515) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon — domestic violence, and allegedly failed to report the conviction to the program.

### **Out of State**

**California:** In March 2010 the Medical Commission denied the application of physician **Aaron Rollins** (MD60092401). He practiced without a Washington license, didn't have the required two years of post-graduate experience, and failed to perform or document pre-operative physical examinations.

**Illinois:** In June 2010 the Medical Commission released physician **Celso Agner** (MD60013021) from terms and conditions set against his license. Dr. Agner's Washington license is unrestricted.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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